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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: Sheridan Snedden
Jonathan L. COFFMAN, et al.)
: Group Art Unit: 1653
Application No.: 09/819,157)
: Filed: March 27, 2001)
: For: METHODS FOR PURIFYING)
HIGHLY ANIONIC PROTEINS : September 16, 2003

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

A. Introductory Comments

I. This is in response to the Office Action dated June 17, 2003. Please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks.

II. Please cancel claims 1-35 without prejudice or disclaimer, and add new claims 36-51. The new claims find support in the originally filed application, as explained further in the Remarks section. In accordance with the revised amendment format, a complete listing of all claims follows; this listing replaces all earlier amendments and listings of the claims.

The Applicants make the present amendments only in order to expedite allowance of the present application. The Applicants reserve the right to file applications directed to matter removed by way of the present amendment as well as other matter disclosed by the specification.